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For: ADDRESS QUERY RESPONSE METHOD, PROGRAM, AND APPARATUS,  
AND ADDRESS NOTIFICATION METHOD, PROGRAM, AND APPARATUS

**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.133**

Sir:

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for extending the courtesy of a telephonic interview on January 17, 2008. The participants were the Examiner and the Applicant's representatives Adam Rodriguez and Allen Chein.

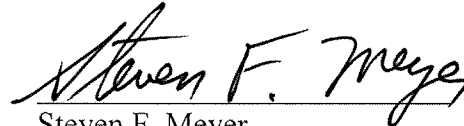
As reflected by the Interview Summary provided by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, discussed, for instance, were the aspects of claims 19-27.

Specifically, the participants first addressed the rejections pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112. Contrary to Examiner Patel's arguments in his Office Action of October 17, 2007, the Applicant's representatives argued that the "notification method" is not the beginning of "a test." Applicant's representatives further argued that the second apparatus is notified of the expiration time before the "result of the connection test . . . has been obtained," not before the test is "initiated." Examiner Patel seemed to be satisfied with this argument, and requested that this be made clear in the response to his Office Action.

Next, participants addressed the rejections pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 101. Examiner Patel argued that claims 22-24 were directed toward software, which is merely electromagnetic signals, and therefore non-patentable subject matter. In support of his argument, Examiner Patel also pointed to

portions of the specification regarding downloading the files from different websites. Possible amendments for obviating the § 101 rejection were raised by the Applicant's representatives. The Examiner suggested that the Applicant's representatives proceed with amendment.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steven F. Meyer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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